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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
PROFESSOR ERIC GOLDMAN (to Professor Goldman)**

LBJ: Hello... Professor Goldman?

EG: Yes sir.

LBJ: I was talking to Dick Nelson and he was telling me of his conversation with you and I just wanted to call you and express my thanks and gratitude to you..

EG: Well, I'm certainly honored, Mr. President..

LBJ: And tell you that Dick is doing a wonderful job for us and I'm going to have to call on you for your counsel and wisdom, too.

EG: Well, I shall be pleased to do whatever I can.

LBJ: Well, we'll be in touch with you and Dick is on the phone.. Dick.. you want to say howdy?

DM: Yes sir.

EG: I'm very much moved... I heard the re-broadcast of your address today and I was very pleased by it.

LBJ: Thank you so much and we need help more than we ever did before and we thank you so much for your attitude.

EG: Well I'm totally at your disposal.

LBJ: We'll be back in touch with you.

DM: Bye sir.

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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND JUSTICE
GOLDBERG (from Justice Goldberg)**

LBJ: Yes?

AG: Mr. President?

LBJ: Yes sir.

AG: No...I'm calling you.

LBJ: Fine. Well, I was going to call you.

AG: I want to tell you that it was just right and congratulations.

LBJ: Well you're nice. I hoped you noticed that your "hate" line got the biggest applause.

AG: But...you did it in good tone and just right. And, I'm chilling for another purpose. I want you to get a day's rest tomorrow.

LBJ: All right. Fine. I'm going to.

AG: Do that...after all, you've been hitting it pretty hard and you've been going through a pretty rough period..and ..take a day off.

LBJ: I'll do it. Give my love to Dorothy. I wanted to call you. I told them to get you..early...I thought this was my call...but it will save me making one. I just wanted to tell you that I sure appreciate your suggestions and I thought they were good..

AG: All right...listen..anything I can do to help..you know that. You're mighty busy and I won't bother you..

LBJ: I know...give me some ideas

AG:was Mrs. Kennedy's request with the Russian Ambassador..which I want to bring you up to date on..but..

LBJ: All right...some day..as soon as we get moved in..we'll get Dorothy and you down here and we can visit.

AG: Fine...and you take a day's rest now and give my best to Lady Bird.

LBJ: Will do. Bye

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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DR. WIESNER
(from Dr. Wiesner)**

JW: Mr. President?

LBJ Yes, doctor.

**JW The AEC would like to put out a statement saying you're going to make the
Oppenheimer award and Mac thought I should check with you before
giving information ... is that all right?**

LBJ Yeah, sure.

JW O.K. Thanks

LBJ Bye

JW Bye

LBJ You'll want to check that with Salinger?

JW Pardon

LBJ You'll want to check that with Salinger..

JW All right

**LBJ Just clear it.. whatever he wants.. so he'll be informed when they ask
... if it is mentioned...**

JW All right.. when they do it.. They're getting a lot of questions...

Lbj That's good. Bye

JW Bye.. thank you.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
EASTLAND (from Senator Eastland)

LBJ: Senator...this is your birthday and I just wanted to call and wish you many happy returns of the day and wish you were here where I could help you celebrate it.

JE: Well, thank you. My wife's too.

LBJ Well, good God...let me talk to her...is she there?.....
Your weather good down there?

JE: No. It is raining.

LBJ: Well, I'll be darned...we need some over in our country. It has been mighty dry.

Mrs. E: Hello!

LBJ: Mrs. Eastland..Happy Birthday! I just noticed that you and Jim had a birthday and I wanted to call you up and say "Many happy returns of the day...wish you everything that is good in life..

Mrs. E: Thank you so much, Mr. President. That makes growing old a pleasure! Appreciate your thinking of us.

LBJ: Well fine. I hope I'm going to be seeing you up here before long.

Mrs E: We will be back, of course, whenever we need to be back.

LBJ: Well good. I'll tell Lady Bird I talked to you. She's not here but she..

Mrs E: Give her my best regards.

LBJ: She'll miss seeing you...Jim?

JE: Yes sir.

LBJ: I'm mighty glad to hear your voice and give me a ring when you get back, fellow.

JE: I got your letter... to Stennis and me about returning these boys patronage..

LBJ: All right. Well let me see it, I haven't seen it..but if you got it.. send it to me?

JE: Yes, we'll send it to you..think it was sent, though, day before yesterday.

LBJ: Talks to Walter Jenkins and says "Walter, look for a letter from Senator Eastland and Senator Stennis"....now what is the situation?

JE: Congressman...they took their patronage away from them in 1960 and we both think it ought to be returned....they took Whitley's patronage..when he.... Whitley didn't do a thing but stall.. you know a lot of times a man will ride both sides...did that and Bonnet got on television and put his own opinion of what Whitley said which wasn't it at all..

LBJ: Laughter...kind of got him on the spot.

JE: Yes...politics. Have to make a lot...

LBJ: Yes...yes...yes, we do. All of us you know get off base once in a while and then sometimes other people get off base for us..don't they? I'll look into it Jim, I haven't seen it but I'll ask them to get me the letter and I'll talk to you when you get back.

JE: That's fine.

LBJ: Bye

JE: And many thanks.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
EASTLAND (to Senator Eastland)

- LBJ: Jim...on this investigation...this Dallas thing...what does your Committee plan to do on it? I didn't ask you that and I intended to and had it on my mind and I got to talking and didn't do it.
- JE: Well..we plan to hold hearings and just make a record of what the proof is..that is all. Show that this man was the assassin. To begin with we've had a great number of Senators that have come to us to request it..beginning with Morse...that it be done...now if you want it dropped ..we'll drop it...
- LBJ: I...have the feeling...I don't know that I would..but we've got pretty strong states' rights question here and I've had some hesitancy to have a bunch of Congressional inquiries..and it might...
- JE: Well you see ...you've got a fill-in to make it..
- LBJ: Well, I know it but you don't have any law and it might set a precedence that you wouldn't want to have...I talked to some of the fellows about it day before yesterday..Russell was down here for lunch..
- JE Well now there's one of them that's irked...
- LBJ And, my thought would be this, if we could do it. We might get two members from each body...you see we're going to have three inquiries running as it is..
- JE Well, I wouldn't want that..that wouldn't do..
- LBJ And if we could have two Congressmen and two Senators..and maybe a Justice of the Supreme Court to take the FBI report and review it and write a report..and do anything they felt needed to be done..I think it would..this is a very explosive thing and it could be a very dangerous thing for the country...and a little publicity could just fan the flames. What would you think about ..if we could work it out of getting somebody from the Court and somebody from the House and somebody from the Senate and have a real high-level judiciary study of all the facts.
- JE Well..it would suit me all right...Now you'd have...there's going to be some opposition on the Committee from Keating and I think Dirksen would be all right..I don't know..he's very strong for him...you see they've all

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
SENATOR EASTLAND NOVEMBER 28, 1963 3:21 p.m.

The President said: "...On this investigation...what does your Committee plan to do...."

Senator Eastland replied: "....We plan to hold hearings and just make a record of ~~the~~ what the proof is...."

The President: "...But you don't have any law and it might set a precedent that you wouldn't want to have. I talked to some of the fellows about it day before yesterday....We might get two members from each body; you see we're going to have three inquiries running as it is...And if we could have two Congressmen and two Senators, and maybe a Justice of the Supreme Court to take the FBI report and review it and write a report and do anything they felt needed to be done.... What would you think about....getting somebody from the Court and somebody from the House and somebody from the Senate and have a real high-level judiciary study of all the facts:"

This plan was agreeable to Senator Eastland.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND LOU DESCHLER
(to Mr. Deschler)

LBJ: Lou? We're having some State visitors here..January.. and I don't want to get it around the period that's likely we'll be having the State of the Union... can you give me any indication about when they have ...have them come in ...about the normal time..that we can expect them?

LD Who..these visitors, or what?

LBJ No... when you're ready for the State of the Union ..when you come back in?

LD Oh, well...we come back in on the third unless they're going to fix another date..now, there's been some talk that if adjourn...just ahead of Christmas...they might want to put the date off ...I think the 3d of next year comes on a Friday...they want to put it off until the following Wednesday. Now that's about all I know about that business at the time.

LBJ So it would likely be before the 10th then. . wouldn't it?

LD That we come back, yes. And I assume that you'd probably want to come down the second day after we meet... wouldn't you?

LBJ Yes

LD If we meet on a Wednesday.. you'll want to come on a Thursday...

LBJ Yes. OK...that's exactly what I want to know.

LD Bye

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
EARLE CLEMENT (from Mr. Clement)

EC:could possibly be otherwise...just watching
you and listening to you...you did an outstanding job..I don't
think anybody could have improved it..and..

LBJ Thank you. You're wonderful and you're so thoughtful to call...
and I appreciate it and I'll always remember it..

EC Gbd bless you...I'm sorry I interrupted you..just wanted you to know
my own personal emotional feeling...

LBJ I want you to look after things there for me and you let me know
anything I need to do..and I'm as close as the telephone to you and
anytime...and we've got a pack...and we'll do the job right.

EC: Mr. President, I'll be in touch with you.

LBJ Thank you, my friend. Bye

EC: Bye

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Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Senator
Mike Mansfield (to Sen. Mansfield), 11/29/63, 11:10

According to the President's Daily Diary, the call took place at
11:10 a.m.

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JE
Contd done the talking...

LBJ Well, if it is all right with you... I'm not worried about your Committee
... I know what you can handle...

JE Well, we can work it out...

LBJ You can handle your Committee.. O.K. Much obliged. Bye

JE O.K. Bye

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD NOVEMBER 28, 1963

The President: "...Secretary of State is with me now and he's quite concerned about it..we have given a good deal of thought.. at least I have..on the suggestion of Katzenbach over at Justice.. to having a high level commision..try to get someone from each side..House and Senate..and let them review the investigation that has been made by the Court of Inquiry and the thorough one by the FBI and let them staff it. Now I talked to McCormack and he said that would be agreeable to him..I have talked to Eastland, who started the investigation,, and he said that that would be agreeable to him. I thought I'd better talk to you and anybody else you suggested..see what your reaction to it might be and maybe I ought to talk to some other people..I haven't talked to the Justices... but we think that is the best way to avoid a lot of television and I'd like for the Secretary of State to spend a minute with you, telling you some of his concern."

Secretary Rusk: "...possible implications of this that if the rumors were to leak out as fact and if there were anything in this that had not been fully substantiated it would cause a tremendous storm.. and it is very important that we work on the basis of the highest possible information on this situation..meanwhile trying to get the absolute truth on it...this has already been commented on and picked up all around the world and if we're not careful here we could really blow up quite a storm."

Senator Mansfield: O..I think the idea is a solid one..I would suggest that you contact Dirksen. As far as I'm concerned, you have my full support all the way as always..."

President Johnson then told Senator Mansfield that Mike Feldman had called and said that the Kennedy family would like to have Mrs. Kennedy's fund raised to \$50,000 for the first twelve months because of her heavy mail because of the assass ination. They would like to have the legislation introduced on Monday.

Senator Mansfield: "OK. We can't do it in the Senate until Tuesday... but we'll take it upright away and get quick action and I think Dirksen and I should co-sponsor it."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
MIKE MANSFIELD (to Sen. Mansfield)

LBJ several investigations in education. Secretary of State is here with me now and he's quite concerned about it. . we have given a good deal of thought . . at least I have . . on the suggestion of Katzenbach over at Justice. . to having a high-level commission. . try to get someone from each side. . House and Senate. . and let them review the investigation that has been made by the Court of Inquiry and the thorough one by the FBI and let them staff it. Now I talked to McCormack and he said that would be agreeable to him . . I have talked to Eastland, who started the investigation. . and he said that that would be agreeable to him. I thought I'd better talk to you and anybody else you suggested. . see what your reaction to it might be and maybe I ought to talk to some other people. . I haven't talked to any of the Justices or anything like that yet. . but we think that is the best way to avoid a lot of television show and I'd like for the Secretary of State to spend a minute with you, telling you some of his concern.

MM Well, first, Mr. President, I think it is a good idea. . . O. K. with me and then you ought to talk to Dixon. . . .

LBJ Go ahead Mike. . . here is the Secretary. . .

MM O. K.

DR possible implications of this that if the rumors were to leak out as fact and if there were anything in this that had not been fully substantiated it would cause a tremendous storm. . . and it is very important that we work on the basis of the highest possible information on this situation. . . meanwhile trying to get it . . the absolute truth on it. . so I think this is very much in my mind. . this has already been commented on and picked up all around the world and if we're not careful here we could really blow up quite a storm.

MM That's right.

DR So, now, may I put you back to the President?

MM O. K.

LBJ Yes Mike.

MM Mr. President. I think the idea is a solid one. . . I would suggest that you contact Dirksen as far as I'm concerned you have my full support all the way

MM

as always..

LBJ

Thank you now. Mike we have another thing that we...just let me step to my desk I want to get the memo..I want to ask you about... Mike he's getting a note for me and it involves a special request to be made very shortly..here is the memo that came to me.

"Ordinarily the widow of a President receives under the existing law (you remember we passed this last year, I believe) \$10,000 a year for the purpose of answering mail. Mike Feldman called..said quote the family when I asked him to..and he talked to the Attorney General, speaking for them..I'd like to have a bill introduced..for Mrs. Kennedy immediately to receive \$50,000 for the first 12 months and \$10,000 each year thereafter..well that is already the law hereafter..so it is just a question of the first..the reason, according to Feldman is, that Mrs. Kennedy's mail is so heavy due to the assassination..\$10,000 won't do it...Feldman said the Attorney General would like to have the bill introduced today so it can be considered Monday under the suspension of the rules..I told him to hold it up until you had a chance to talk to him about it..today. Legislative people are coming in a minute and I rather think we ought to do it.

MM

OK. We can't do it in the Senate until Tuesday..Mr. President, but we'll take it up right away and get quick action and I think Dirksen and I should co-sponsor it.

LBJ

Fine. O.K. Thank you my friend.

MM

Thank you. Bye Mr. President

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN
HALE BOGGS (to Congressman Boggs)

LBJwe are having some serious things present themselves in connection with all these investigations going on ...on the Dallas thing. We think that perhaps the best way to approach this is try to get a couple of members of the House... couple from the Senate...and maybe somebody from the Court .. we don't want to say anything about that to anyone...but I've talked to the Speaker and I've talked to ...the Senate..and here's what we're trying to do ...I want to.. and the Justice Department and that seems to be the consensusbest thing to do...I want to

HB What ..that is what I had intended to put in the ~~second~~ resolution, but I had no intention of doing it until I talked with you.

LBJ Well let's hold back..let me clear that..let me see how it goes. I've got to talk to some other people about it but I wanted you to know what we were thinking.

HB My thought was that you might want to put a couple of people on there from the public, too, Mr. President

LBJ Well, we might do that.

HB That was exactly what I had in the resolution that I'd asked Lou Dexler to draft but which I've not put in... two from the House and two from the Senate ..two from the Judiciary and two from the public..

LBJ Well that gives you eight.

HB Yes... and two of course from the public would be appointed by you.

LBJ Yes. Well wouldn't they all be appointed...their thought was to have a Presidential commission..

HB Right. All of them would be appointed by you.
Mr. President you were magnificent last night. We sat down, Lindy and I and a few of our long friends and just cried. God what a job you've done and you've been utterly magnificent.

LBJ Well you're mighty wonderful..Bird wants Lindy to help her on a good many things and tell her to be careful with my little girl as she can cause she's got to be careful who she asks.. of letters and things she's working

HB Well, don't worry. She's got a whole flock

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on right now.

LBJ

Thank you my friend.

HB

Thank you Mr. President.

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CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS 73a
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Congressman Boggs: "Mr. President, you were magnificent last night. We sat down, Lindy and I and a few of our long friends and just cried. God what a job you've done and you've been utterly magnificent."

The President and the Congressman then discussed the Presidential Commission and Congressman Boggs said he had asked Lou Dechsler to draft a resolution. .he thought there should be two members from the House, two from the Senate, two from ~~Justice~~ the Judiciary and two from the public.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
E. DIRKSEN (to Senator Dirksen)

LBJ Everett?

ED Yes.

LBJ Two things... this.. these investigations from the House and the Senate on this Dallas affair.. Hoover is a little concerned about reflecting on him .. he is making a very full report on it.. the Attorney General is getting an inquiry .. state inquiry.. he's a very young and able and effective man.. and we don't want to.. we've got some international complications.. come could come up to us if we are not very careful... so we've been trying to figure out how we could best handle this thing and seems to us we might ask the members of the Court, might even ask Allen Dulles, might ask a couple of members of the House, a couple from the Senate, and wrap up the three divisions of government .. just ^{so} we would have a very high caliber top-flight, blue-ribbon group that the whole world would have absolute confidence in. I've talked to Mansfield and to the Speaker and that appeals to them... now I think that appeals to Hoover.. I think it appeals to the Justice Department and the Secretary of State. I want to see what reaction you had.

ED started when Eastland came over to my office the other afternoon. And he wanted to...

LBJ Incidentally I've talked to him, too, and he said it was agreeable with him. He's got a states rights problem there... if he goes to sending investigations down into Texas, then they'd be going into Jackson, you know. ..and vice-versa.

ED Yes.. I undertook this only because Jim initiated it and I talked to McClellan ...

LBJ Yes, I talked and indicated to Dick Russell too and he kind of thought it would be bad for.. just Senate Committee and House Committee and all of them would be running over the lot... we have a request from the Attorney General that in view of the heavy mail that Mrs. Kennedy is getting and will get that the ordinary \$10,000 that the President's wife gets for the purpose of answering mail, be increased to \$50,000 for the first year. Mike says he'll co-sponsor that if you'll go along with it.

ED I will.

LBJ And that will be fine... now let me see. I want to talk to you and Charlie in the next day or two about how in the world we're going to get some little

LBJ

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action between now and the time we go home..if we don't, why we're going to get a bad press.

ED

Yes.

LBJ

We're just the people... we've got to get our appropriations out but we ought to make some progress... now Harry Byrd is very interested in seeing what this Budget be before getting this tax bill out. I talked to Eisenhower and Bob Anderson in some detail about that... and I want to talk to you about it ...I've already done everything that I humanly can to keep that within bounds and I'll be in a position to give you some estimates, but I hope you'll be in a position to close those hearings when you tentatively plan to close them. . whenever it was... when was it? 6th?

ED

Yes. Well originally it was the 17th, but we pushed it back to the 6th or 7th.

LBJ

6th... then maybe you could get your report written and get it on the calendar as a minimum because ..Everett.. what I think about is... we can pass the tax bill in a week ..but it can be real complicated... all the difficulties.. but after we get it out but the civil rights is going to take so damned much longer time ... they've got the McGregor Burns and the rest of them writing about the Congress and whatever else we say... we do have a good many appropriation bills up there in December than we've had before and there is some merit to some of the things they're saying and my life is the Hill, as I said the other day but I do think that if we could, we ought to show some evidences of progress and you be thinking about how you can help us get the tax bill out ..I don't want to rush them.. don't want to change the procedures.. as I indicated in my message.. I don't want to try to blast anybody out of anything but if he's going to finish the 6th anyway, why let's just work some people a few nights up there writing this report and get it out there on the calendar ... it would be a wonderful thing if we passed that. Every businessman I've talked to since I've been in here.. from the top on down... Bob Anderson says every one of them are waiting to see whether they're really going to pass one. If they are, why it is going to mean a lot to them and that market went up the other day because they thought that we were going to be stable in business... because they think we're going to be frugal, but you've got to help me my friend..

ED

Well, I'll be back there Monday and I'll talk to you.

LBJ

And you give some thought to that now. Let's try to get that tax bill out. House passed it and we've been on it one year.. 11 months.. and if Congress is to function at all.. and can't pass a tax bill between January and January .. why we're in a hell of a shape. And you know that they've had enough hearings

LBJ

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on that thing and if they finish...they ought to write a report in a week and they ought to pass it...then they'd all know it was effective January 1st and every businessman in this country would have some confidence and you'd probably pick up a bunch of Senate seats because you're running the Senate like I ran it.. you've been pretty patriotic..and you cooperate.

ED

Yes. The ~~market~~ ^{mark-up} is going to take a little time, I think.

LBJ

The what?

ED

The mark-up.

LBJ

Well, they can do that in a week...if they mark ^{ed} up the other one in five days...hell of a lot more complicated, the Treasury tells me...and if they can do the other one in five days, ...give them seven on this one..so that would be the thirteenth and you could have the damned thing passed by...we don't need to go home till Christmas eve. 22d...and you'd have ten days to pass it. Now Albert Gore has got a deal there. He wants to do this and that but we could tagble those amendments of his..and we've got an obligation to the Congress and we've just got to show that they can do something because we can't pass civil rights...we know that.

ED

Well, let me talk to Harry and John Williams ...and..

LBJ

OK...OK...thanks.

ED

Yes, OK.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER
McCORMACK (to Speaker)

LBJ Mr. Speaker?

JMc: Yes, Mr. President..

LBJ On the... I think they've talked to you about this.. but, it is the feeling of the family that Mrs. Kennedy... each President's wife has \$100,000 a year for answering mail ..and the first year there's going to be some rather exhorbitant demands made on her and they'd like to try to get \$50,000 for it. I've talked to Dirksen and Mansfield.. when I talked to them on this investigation as I talked to you much earlier... and since I had this on the desk I asked them about it. They said they'd co-sponsor it. I wondered if you had talked to Carl ... see what..

JMc: Well, we're introducing a bill today. I am going to bring it up Monday under suspension for the franking privileges for natural life. The burial expenses and giving her quarters that.. General Services has given her quarters for six months and then \$50,000 clerical hire.. now I've talked with Henry Wilson and we've cleared this with Halleck .. you know it is one of these emergency things.. and I worked about three hours yesterday, Carl and I did, and we've talked with Henry Wilson and we said "anything new we have to go back and start all over again and Halleck is out.!" and I said the thing to do is let this bill go through then they can pick it up in the Senate.. then they can demand it.. or if.. even if they want to they can put it up to an appropriation bill over there and then it would be appropriation... then we get the whole thing cleaned up.

LBJ What about the Secret Service? You've got to have a couple..

JMc Yes, they're going to pick that up in the Senate.

LBJ Why can't you put that on.

JMc Well, I've cleared the bill as it is now with Halleck...

LBJ Won't he take two Secret Service?

JMc Well, he's out of town.

LBJ Well why don't you call him. Ask him if he won't take two Secret Service and then you'll have it all wrapped up.. if you can do that. I can normally assign them to her anyway.. but think it would be better if they did it by bill...

LBJ

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but I've had them assigned to me before the law made them eligible to me ... as a matter of fact, they insisted. Eisenhower insisted that as soon as I was elected that they have Secret Service with me even though the law didn't provide it.

JMc

Halleck is down in Alabama..

LBJ

Why don't you put in a call to him...

JMc

I'll get Les Arends and see if Les will agree..

LBJ

Well, if you have any trouble, I'll call Halleck.. go on and get that through.

JMc

Now, I've talked with Smith... he won't do a damned thing.. till after the first of the year.. I got him up at his farm.. he won't do a thing.. so we've got to go right ahead with this discharge petition and work on it..

LBJ

All right.. ummmm.... how many Democrats can you get for it?

Mc

I would think 150.. 160...

LBJ

How many you've got to have?

JMc

218..... that should be gone ahead with. Dick Bolling has introduced the necessary resolution.. to get seven days before the discharge petition can be filed.. now we want to engineer

LBJ

He won't give you a hearing of any kind?

JMc

Well, he won't cooperate.. he said.. he was frank.. he's just frank about it.. he won't do anything to help along until after the first of the year.

LBJ

Will he give you any hearings?

JMc

Nope... So I even went ahead and discussed with him the reporting on the rule .. before January and he wouldn't do it. I even took that responsibility...

LBJ

OK my friend.. you call Halleck and if you have any difficulty...

JMc

Oh... here is Les Arends now... (Les, I've got the President on the phone) we've agreed to a suspension resolution to give Mrs. Kennedy the franking privilege for life which other widows got.. the burial expenses which other

JMc Presidents in office got...and in then the resolution ...\$50,000 clerical hire and the President wants one more thing in there..he's on the phone.. the ability to assign two Secret Service men..will you take that responsibility?

LBJ Six months...Secret Service..

JMc Oh well I suppose...for life?

LBJ Well...it should be..how long do you want them? You see President has them on request when he goes abroad and he's got them...I'd write them in there...Larry says six months..and then if there's any problems afterwards why, we can talk about it.

JMc Well, he'd rather..for a year..one year?

JMc Les will take the responsibility of one year temporary..and here's Les, Mr. President.

LA Hello, Mr. President

LBJ Hi, Les...glad to hear you.. what they did, Les.. we don't know with these children..we don't know how long she really will need them and we don't know the sentiment ..the feeling in the country..and these crackpots..but I.. when I was elected, General Eisenhower directed that, even though there was no law even authorizing it..that is why they came along with the mandatory law later..that . you remember our friend Connig gave me hell about...but I opposed the law but General Eisenhower insisted that I have Secret Service on the day of the election and he just authorized him without it but I thought we ought to have the Congress do it and my judgment would be that she ought to have them. .

LA Well, why don't we just add the one year and call it temporary and that'll give us time to do anything we have to do about it later.

LBJ Well, OK

LA Is that all right?

LBJ Yes.

LA Good luck Mr. President. Bye

LBJ Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
SPEAKER McCORMACK NOVEMBER 29, 1963 12:04 p.m.

The President told the Speaker that the Kennedy family had requested that Mrs. Kennedy's \$10,000 be raised to \$50,000 for the first year, since she would have some exorbitant demands made of her...that Senators Mansfield and Dirksen would co-sponsor the bill.

There was also discussion of the necessity of Secret Service for Mrs. Kennedy and the children.

Congressman Arends joined the conversation and there was discussion of a discharge petition to get a bill from Congressman Smith's Committee.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
CONGRESSMAN HALE BOGGS NOVEMBER 29, 1963: 11 p.m.

Congressman Boggs: "...When the House convened today, Goodell of New York took the Floor and started talking about a resolution he had on the investigation-- complaining about both bodies investigating--and then Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee and so forth -- I was in the Chair at the time so I got George Mahon to take the gavel and...got to the Floor...and said that there would be an investigation and it would not be a Congressional investigation-- that I thought I could say on the highest authority that there would be a high level objective fact-finding investigation...."

The President said: "Well we've got to touch these bases with everybody and we haven't got them touched with the Court..... I guess I've got authority to do it without legislation...."

Congressman Boggs answered: "...You can issue an Executive Order and do it. You can do anything you want..."

November 29, 1963
12:27 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND JAMES FARLEY
(from Mr. Farley)

JF: Hello?

LBJ Yes, Jim..

JF I merely wanted to congratulate you wholeheartedly on what you've done and the way you've been handling things. The only reason I'm bothering you at this time is that I'm leaving for South America on Sunday on a trip that was delayed a week and I wouldn't be back until the 18th..but I wanted to wish you well and if in the days ahead I can be of service, call me.

LBJ Thank you so much. I appreciate it more than you know.

JF I called the State Department over there...to find out what I should say and do if questioned in Brazil, in Argentina and Chile and in Peru. And in all of those cases I'll try to handle in a way that will be helpful all along the lines and if it is all right with you, I'll continue to urge that they give all consideration...to the progress...the Alliance for Progress..

LBJ That is all right..and just tell them they've got...

JF What else would you want me to say...

LBJ Just tell them that the Latin Americans have the best friend in the White House that they've ever had..one that was raised with them..that knows them and loves them and that we're going to...they're going to have a very pleasant experience in our dealings and then come in and see me when you get back.

JF All right. There's just one more thing I want to say to you. I thought the manner in which you made your address is, Lyndon...I shouldn't say Lyndon.. I say this most wholeheartedly..and that is the opinion of all who saw you and heard you and goodluck and God bless you.

LBJ Thank you. Come in and see me when you get back.

JF Sure will. Thank you. Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
MR. JAMES FARLEY NOVEMBER 29, 1963

Mr. Farley: "I merely wanted to congratulate you wholeheartedly on what you've done and the way you've been handling things... I wanted to wish you well and if in the days ahead I can be of service, call me."

Mr. Farley then told the President that he was leaving on a trip to South America and asked what the President would like for him to say.

The President: "Just tell them that the Latin Americans have the best friend in the White House that they've ever had..one that was raised with them..that knows them and loves them and that...they're going to have a very pleasant experience in our dealings..."

November 29, 1963
1:11 p.m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN
HALE BOGGS (from Congressman Boggs)

LBJ Yes?

HB Mr. President? Hale. When the House convened today, Goodall of New York took the floor and started talking about a resolution he had ..on the investigation..complaining about both bodies investigating..and then Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee and so forth...I was in the Chair at the time..so I got George Mahon to take the Gavel and I jumped...well I got to the floor..and sat ..and said that there would be an investigation and it would not be a Congressional investigation..that I thought I could say on the highest authority that there would be a high level objective fact-finding investigation. Of course, since that time I've had a lot of people call me ..talking now about..

LBJ Well we've got to touch these bases with everybody..and we haven't got them touched with the Court and of course we haven't got them touched with some others...

HB Well, I have said absolutely nothing..about who might be on such a Commission..but I said there is going to be a Commission...

LBJ Well, I hope...I guess I've got authority to do it..without legislation.. I don't know..

HB I understand that under ... you can issue an Executive Order and do it. You can do anything you want..

LBJ Well, I've got my lawyer checking it now and I just haven't got back...I've had to check it with Dirksen and Mansfield and McCormack and you and I've had Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, all in all morning and I've Roy Wilkins with me now..so I'll get around to it and get a report as soon as I can and then I'll be back to you.

HB Right. All I wanted to tell us is what happened.

LBJ OK

HB Bye

LBJ Bye

Date: September 20, 1993

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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND ABE FORTAS
(to Mr. Fortas)**

LBJprogress on the Court?

AF Yes sir... and I've been trying to handle this with the greatest tact and so the way we worked it out is that Nick and the Solicitor General are going to call on the Chief Justice... see instead of my doing it..

LBJ Well we need it right quick, though, because they're already announcing it in the House and Senate and all over the damned place and we need to talk to the leaders... like talking into a big microphone..

AF I know. And that's why I asked Nick to get over there right away.. I talked to him this morning and he's going to take the Solicitor General and do it.

LBJ All right. How many men on the Commission are we going to have?

AF Well, if you had Dulles and the General, and two from the House, two from the Senate, then the Chief Justice..

LBJ Who do you think of as the General?

AF Only one I can think of and I don't know many of these fellows... is Norstadt..

LBJif I had any idea who we wanted...

AF So I thought we'd probably have to take Eastland and the ranking minority member of the Judiciary Committee and similarly on the House but maybe not... it wouldn't necessarily be Judiciary Committee..

LBJ Yes, but Sellar.. God I hate to... what would you think about John McCoy(?) instead of General Norstadt?

AF I think that'd be great.. he's a wonderful man.. and a very dear friend of mine ..I'm devoted to him.

LBJ Let's think along that line.. now, can we do this by Executive Order.

AF Yes sir.

LBJ Can we infringe upon the Congress in any way in doing it... reflect on them in any way?

AF No sir..I think on the contrary...you know all these editorials are saying this would be a shame to have all these investigations...I think the country will think the Congress started acting wisely for a change...I think it would be a great thing. Mr. President, for them and for the country.

LBJ Who would you think about in the Senate? I'd a whole lot ..man I would have ...had to have... somebody like that...that is Chairman ... would rather have Russell than Eastland.

AF Oh, I would too. Yes sir...for anything...I'd rather have him for most anything..that would be wonderful if that could be arranged. I didn't think about that because I thought it would be..

LBJ I'd like to have Russell and Cooper...be my two.

AF That would be marvelous..simply marvelous..on the House side we could get Hale Boggs..

LBJ Well, he's talking, all the God damned time..he's a good fellow but he's done announced it in the House...

Well, that's what I mean..and I thought maybe this would help get it ~~ix~~ through ...

LBJ What do you have to get through?

AF Well I mean just the agreement that they'll do this in lieu of a Senate and House investigation..

LBJ Well, he's agreed to that..

AF That's wonderful

LBJ And McCormack has agreed to it...I would guess, what's his name..that fellow McCulloch..he's the ranking Republican...he's pretty good...or Jerry Ford.. I would think Jerry Ford would be good of the Republicans..

F Well that'll be fine. How about...is little old Carl Albert...what about him?

LBJ I don't know whether he'd take it or not... Yes, I think that'd be pretty good. I don't know whether we'd get away... it might be a slap at Hale if we did that..

AF That's what I'm afraid of..

LBJ Might be.. ought to Hale and McCullough..

AF Yes sir... I wonder if we aren't stuck with Hale.....

LBJ Is heard to say "Mac, write those names down for me before I forget them ... we have the Chief Justice .. John McCloy and Allen Dulles... that's three.. we'll try to get Jerry Ford as a Republican and Hale Boggs as a Democrat.. in the House.. then we'll try to get Russell and Cooper..

AF Now I don't know the Chief Justice may not want to do this but I'll call Nick immediately and see if he's got a report yet. He should have gone over there right away.. I really gave him the hot-foot..

LBJ Well, they've already announced it.. you call him back and see what the hell is happening..

AF Who's announced it.

LBJ Hale Boggs.. got down... you see I had to tell him what we were contemplating ... so he got down on the floor of the House.. some jerk got up and said something.. so he thought he had to show his knowledge..

AF Oh, Lord. I thought you meant he'd just announce the House was going to investigate...

LBJ Well, no, he announced there was going to be a high-level commission

AF I see

LBJ That's why I'm waiting... and I don't know. I guess we have to talk to these fellows before we announce we're going to appoint them, don't we?

AF Yes sir

LBJ All right. God, I'm not much.... I think we ought to order them to do it and let them ballyache..

AF Thank you sir.

LBJ You call me, now. Bye

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DAVE McDONALD
(to Mr. McDonald)

LBJ

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.....and you'd helped to keep his office going here and we're going to have to get a discharge petition. I can't say that myself...but it is already filed...and we're going to either rise or fall on results of it...and they're not going to start out till next Monday..and I think if there's ever a time when you really talk to every human you could...even the boys in Houston..and any other doubtful areas...you ought to do it. I don't think that ought to come from me but..if we could..possibly get that bill out of the Rules Committee...they won't even give them a hearing..we've got to petition it out...that means we've got to get 219...we'll start at about 150 Democrats..that means we've got to get 60-70 Republicans..and they'll be saying they don't want to violate procedure..

DMc

Yes, I imagine that...

LBJ

And our answer will have to be..well a man won't give you a hearing at all...that's the way they treated Oswald in Dallas...they just shoot him down without a hearing...man's entitled to a hearing...he's going to give you a hearing..let's get the hearing on the floor..but I sure wish you'd give that your personal attention and see that every man that you've got is there next week talking to them and I don't want it coming from me.

DMc

I will do it.

LBJ

But...if we could get that..that would almost insure passage in the Senate..cause they could see that we have the power to discharge them and therefore we'd have the power to apply cloture..

DMc

Fine

LBJ

And, then we've got to really work on that tax bill all we can..and that'll be our next step but I'll be back in touch with you about it..

DMc

OK -- Mr. President. I'll have all my legislative people report to Nordy immediately..

LBJ

All right and you tell Nordy that I appreciate very much his working us

LBJ ...NEVER needed him as much as now but don't be quoting the fact I'm calling you because that will just create problems.

DMc I won't..

LBJ I'll be in touch with you from day to day, my friend.

DMc Thanks a million, Mr. President. I'll go to work, you know..we've already telegraphed all of our local unions..we'll have all of our people from all over the country report to Washington right away..

LBJ I know. And I'd keep that out of the paper and I'd do it quietly..and just have them go from office to office...just say, now, we've been talking for 100 years and they won't give us a hearing on this..so we've got to do something about it. Till we 219, we'll be a failure...and if we fail this, we'll fail on everything.

DMc 219...that's the....

LBJ That's the majority of the House.

Mc That's right..219...votes...

LBJ Right

DMc I will do it , sir.

LBJ Thank you sir.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR PASTORE
(to Senator Pastore)

LBJ Johnnie?

JP: Mr. President.

LBJ How are you doing my friend?

JP: Fine...and how are you?

LBJ I'm just doing fine.

JP I listened to you last night and you were magnificent. Magnificent.

LBJ Well thank you Johnnie..doing my best..doing my best. What I called you about..was to tell you that my Texas friends are in today...come up here to get my will and two or three little old things and he said that the best program he ever saw was you on some panel there and he said that he thought he met you when you came down there in that rain that day...Judge Mojarund...and he said that it was just the best he ever saw...and I hadn't known about it and I just told them to get ahold of you and tell you how much I loved you..and how much I appreciate it.

JP It is so wonderful of you, busy as you are. Very typical of you. Well, Lyndon, I did say one thing, and I repeat it to you..excuse me for saying Lyndon...I've got to get used to it...laughter...Mr. President....

LBJ Well you've been saying it a long time..

JP One of the legacies that John Kennedy left with the American people was when he chose Lyndon Johnson

LBJ Well, thank you, Johnnie. I'm not worthy of it...
Give your sweet wife and your lovely children my love.

JP I certainly will and they will appreciate it very very much.

LBJ Hope you ^{had} a happy Thanksgiving and I'll look forward to seeing them the first time they're down here...bring them in..I want to see them again.

JP All right. Thank you very very much.

LBJ Johnnie...I'm giving this award to Oppenheimer that the President planned

LBJ
Contd for him...I thought I ought to carry it on through.. just like he planned it.

JP Yes...well now I may not be there...that's all right...

LBJ Yes, that's all right...I understand.

JP I have a speaking engagement...

LBJ I understand that but I just wanted you to know that the President planned it and I'm going to see whatever he did, through.. cause you're kind of my leader and I wanted you to know what I'm doing.

JP I won't say anything until...

LBJ I know that. You needn't worry...I know that. Bye

JP Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH
SENATOR PASTORE NOVEMBER 29, 1963 2:16 p.m.

President Johnson told Senator Pastore that Judge Moursund had told him about a television program that he had seen Senator Pastore on and that it was the best program Judge Moursund had ever seen in his life.

Senator Pastore: "...Well, I did say one thing, and I repeat it to you..One of the legacies that John Kennedy left with the American people was when he chose Lyndon Johnson. "

President Johnson thanked him and then told him that he was giving the award to Cppenheimer because President Kennedy had planned it and "I'm going to see whatever he did through..."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR
SALTONSTALL (to Senator Saltonstall)

LBJ Leverett?

LS: Yes, Mr. President.

LBJ How are you my beloved friend?

LS Well, I'm just as well as I can be. I want to help you if I can.

LBJ I called you because a good personal friend of mine that lives down in my ranch came in last night to fix up two or three little things here, deed and some private affairs... my will.. and he was telling me .. Mrs. Johnson and me that he wanted to meet this fellow Saltonstall... you'd never been down there but he had seen you on some panel... talking about me.. and that it was the most wonderful thing he'd seen and what a good man he thought you were.. and I just wanted to call you up and thank you.

LS Well, thank you very much.. Mr. President. I appreciate that. That was the panel, I guess, on Sunday afternoon, when we were all trying to be helpful

LBJ I didn't see it because they kept me kind of tied down ... I'm kind of a prisoner anyway, but I knew you would be doing that, but I didn't want you to know that I overlooked it or that I didn't appreciate it and...

LS I certainly appreciate your taking the time to call me.

LBJ Well, I want you to come in when you... when you get back here.. and I want your help and your prayers... because I'll need them both.. I know what a good public servant you are and I want to try to do the best I can to hold this country together.

LS Well, I know you will and I have confidence in you.

LBJ Thank you my friend. Again, appreciation to you.

LS Thank you. Goodbye

LBJ Goodbye

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2:26 p. m.

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR SCOTT
(to Senator Scott)

LBJ Hugh?

HS Yes, Mr. President.

LBJ A friend of mine is in today ...and tells me about some panel he saw you on with I think Saltonstall and Pastors..and said that you were very partial to me and very generous and I want to tell you how much I appreciate your friendship.

HS Well, sir, I want you to know that we're praying for you.

LBJ Well, I need it. I never needed it more in my life and I need your friendship and I just appreciate it and of course we'll have differences as members of both parties always do..but we'll disagree without being disagreeable.

HS You're always that way...I'm only too anxious to help you wherever you can. And whenever the chips are down in foreign policy and you need one vote ...you've got it.

LBJ Well, you've always been a good American and I appreciate it but I didn't want you to think that I took your friendship for granted...like what I heard last night...sitting around the dinner table and how much it impressed him and I'm damned glad that you're not running in Texas, cause he'd vote Republican..we've more of them down there than we need, anyway..

HS Well, we have to have our differences..and sometimes on the floor you know I sound pretty partisan..I know you're one to understand it..

LBJ Thank you my friend. I wanted you to know it..I appreciate.

Mrs S Please, may I send my very best to Lady Bird. I know she's going to take good care of you..

LBJ She will and she'll be glad to hear from you...and I'll tell her when I go home tonight.

HSq God bless you sir.

LBJ Thank you Hugh. Bye

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HSq God bless you sir.

LBJ Thank you Hugh. Bye

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SENATOR SCOTT

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The President: "A friend of mine tells me..he saw you on some panel with I think Saltonstall and Pastore ...and said that you were very partial to me and very generous and I want to tell you how much I appreciate your friendship."

Senator Scott: "Well, sir, I want you to know that we're praying for you.....I'm only too anxious to help you wherever I can. And whenever the chips are down in foreign policy and you need one vote..you've got it."

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DAVID LAWRENCE
(to Mr. Lawrence)

DL: Yes sir.

LBJ Lyndon Johnson. I want to tell you what I've told you a good many times before..but, I just want to repeat it. I think first, you've got the best magazine in the business and I think you were extremely imaginative and quite partial and generous to me during this trial I went through the last two or three days...as they always have been...and second, to tell you how much I appreciated your own personal confidence and how hard I'll try to be worthy of it.

DL Well, thank you very much and all of us have been thinking about you..and you can hardly imagine how much everybody has shared the feeling that you're undertaking a tremendous responsibility and yet how everybody feels you've had the training for it...that's the big point that ..goes into my mind and with the parliamentary system and so on..here we have a man that trained in our parliamentary system...who has come at the right moment to use his background and knowledge..and I think it is a fortunate coincidence for the country. I was going to write something about it..because I think by sheer accident we happen to have the benefit of it.

LBJ Well, you've got a strong following in the country and one that believes you because you do what you think is best for America and I appreciate it and I'll try to be worthy of it and I've been here 32 years but a lot of fellows.. it takes them longer than that to learn a lot and I've got a lot to learn. I'd like to ask this of you and I'll keep it quiet..if you don't mind..once every two or three weeks...whenever something comes to you..just jot down with your pencil or write me two or three little points and say I wish you'd give some thought to instructing the Armed Services on frugality or getting out a memo to the Cabinet on this...anything you think is good for the country..is good for me and if you'll do it and pass it in to me, I'll appreciate it when we get moved in...we'll have a little meeting every once in awhile.

DL Well...it is very nice of you to suggest that and I'll be delighted to do it..I've always been hesitant to do those things...

LBJ No...you've been here a long time and you've helped me when I was just a Senator with the Preparedness Committee and I want you to...I need it now more than I've ever needed it before...no man is equal to this job..it is just too much for him..I've been with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, The Chairman of the Atomic Energy waiting on me now...have met with Homs...I've got to have Erhardt in December...

LBJ
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I've got to have Sengi Ellvi in January... I've got to have Home of Great Britain in February... and I've got to have DeGaulle sometime early in the winter.. and no man is just up to it.. he's got to have other people helping him and you've got the wisdom of experience around here and I've just got to have your help..

DL Well, it is very nice of you and I appreciate it ever so much.

LBJ Well tell Owen Scott and Carson Lyman.. that I'm going to arrest them if they don't let me hear from them once in a while.. Tell them to keep on putting out that good magazine..

DL You bet...laughter..and thank you ever so much for your thoughts.

LBJ You can believe what you read...in it.. it is not full of propaganda..

DL May I say this...everybody who listened to you and watched you on television got from the presentation the feeling of confidence. I had it with my own members of my family.. who hadn't followed things too closely...but it did convey confidence to them and that was the big thing needed in this particular moment, you know..

LBJ Well, I appreciate it... I'm going to send you.. I guess maybe you've already seen it, I gathered from that interview... I'm going to send you a little article I wrote for the Southwest Quarterly several years ago on my philosophy

DL Good

LBJ It is kind of a peculiar one..but if you have a chance some night and you can't go to sleep some night and instead of taking a sleeping pill.. read this and it will put you to sleep..

DL Well that is fine. You know we had a picture of you in color that we made in 1960...we put in the magazine this week and it was the best selection we could have ...and we had it ready..

LBJ Well, I'll send you this little book ..the Quarterly..and then we'll talk about it when you have a chance...don't forget though..that memo every once in awhile and tell Owen Scott and Carson Lyman.. he's an old friend of mine and he and Bill White used to run around with me when I was a Secretary.. before I ever went to Congress.. when I was just a doorkeeper and employee.. I knew Carson... you tell him I said hello.

DL I certainly will.. he's due back here.. he's been down in Georgia but he'll be back in a day or so...

LBJ And I'll call you when we get over to the other House and we'll have lunch some day. Bye

DL OK...goodluck, Sir.